

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A slider comprising:
a leading edge;
a trailing edge;
a bearing surface; and
~~a transducer; and~~
a center split feature ~~separate from and forward of the transducer and~~ disposed proximate
a centroid of the slider, the center split feature comprising:
a first center split surface that is substantially level with
the bearing surface;
a second center split surface disposed forward of the first center split
surface that ~~is and~~ recessed from the
bearing surface; and
a third center split surface disposed forward of the second center split
surface and recessed from the second center split surface;
wherein the first, second and third center split surfaces form a step
like pattern, and are disposed such that fluid flowing over the
bearing surface flows over the third, second and first center split
surfaces respectively.
2. (Currently Amended) The slider of claim 1 further comprising:
a cavity dam disposed proximate to the leading edge, the cavity dam having a media
facing surface that is raised above the ~~first recessed surface~~second center split
~~surface; and~~
a subambient pressurization cavity disposed between the cavity dam and the center split
feature.
3. (Previously Amended) The slider of claim 2 further comprising: